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News

3Y0J Bouvet island –updates



DX World's dedicated page, featuring the latest official information gathered from the media officer (N2AJ), the pilot stations and the team, can be found on <https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-2023/>

The team flew from the UK to the Falkland Islands on 12 January, and now expects to set sail for Bouvet from Port Stanley on 14 January. The voyage to the island could take 11-14 days, depending on weather and seas, so they should arrive sometime between 25 and 28 January. It is possible to track the team's progress on <https://share.garmin.com/3y0j>.

→ Update January 18 1245Z

By Mike AB5EB aboard the vessel Marama. We are having fair seas and wind. We are somewhere about 200 miles south east of the Falklands. Crew is holding up good, a few cases of seasickness but mostly doing well.

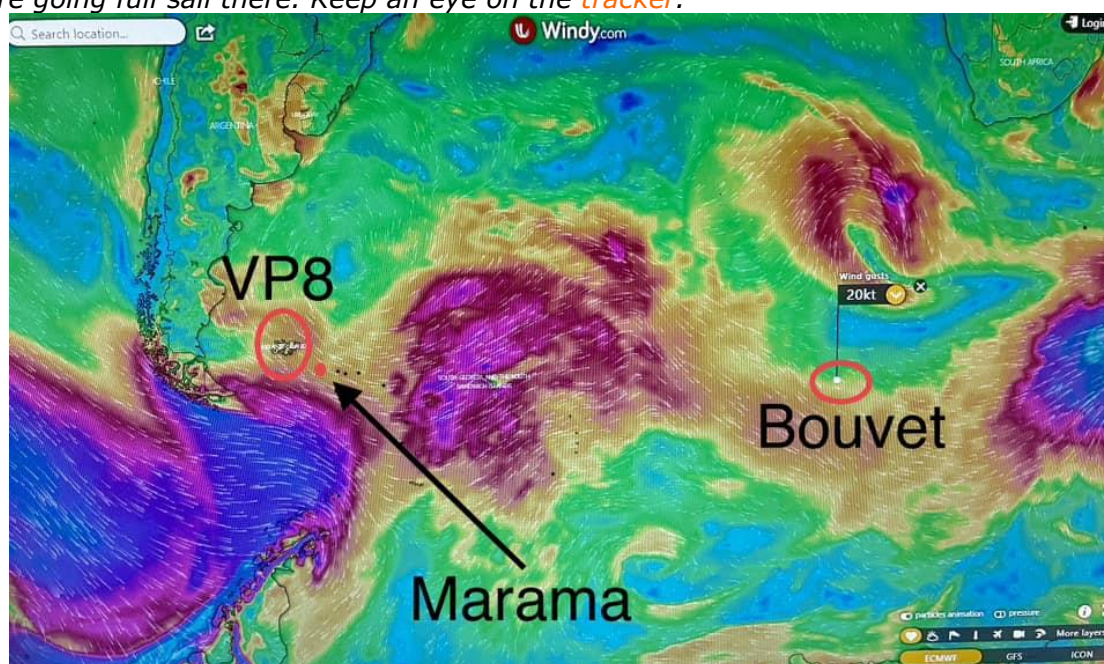
→ Update January 18

3Y0J Team Co-Leader Ken LA7GIA has a short question and answer session with Media Officer N2AJ. Initially published on the 3Y0J Facebook page, we also re-post here. <https://www.dx-world.net/q-a-with-la7gia-on-way-to-bouvet/>



→ Update January 19

'You might think – after making a speedy start – the boat has stalled somewhat. This is deliberate as the skipper wants to see out the remains of a recent storm at South Georgia before going full sail there. Keep an eye on the [tracker](#).'



FT8WW Crozet Island –update January 15

So I started the night of December 25th. My authorization for HF traffic was valid for 3 weeks between my arrival at the base and January 21st. So it actually was from December 25 to January 14. About 21,000 QSOs were made. I took a few decisions on purpose, see <https://www.dx-world.net/ft8ww-crozet-island-2022-23/>

FT8WW Crozet Island by Martti OH2BH and Ralph K0IR

A SURVEY OF TODAY'S DX HEROES: THIERRY MAZEL, F6CUK & PAUL GRANGER, F6EXV
When the large supply ship M/S Marion Dufresne approached Crozet Island just before Christmas of 2022, one of the greatest gifts ever given to amateur radio was on board. A man named Thierry Mazel, F6CUK, and his passion to put Crozet Island on the air and end the 13 years of its silence on the amateur radio bands. Thierry worked closely with his friend Paul Granger, F6EXV, to accomplish his dream. So we now remotely review this man and his partner after his first twenty-one days stint on this lonely island.

So who are these men? What motivated and drove them? What is Thierry experiencing on Crozet. We asked them and here is what they had to say. Full interview <https://www.dx-world.net/an-interview-with-ft8ww/>

TN8K Congo
-update January 17

'What an exceptional evening it was yesterday. On 160m logged 286 QSOs with 41 JAs, bunch of USA and finally during the sunrise AH6HY from Hawaii. We also enjoy short 6m opening to Caribbean. Wkd FG, V2, PJ4 and J7.

This evening will be the last serious operation on 160m and 80m CW. Tomorrow will be 80m vertical returned for 80m SSB and beverages will be used for 80, 40 and 60m SSB traffic.'

-update January 18

Congratulations to team TN8K on making 150,000 QSOs.

MM0UKI/P Isle of Rockall -update

A short video update by G0VJG regarding radio operations from the rock. <https://www.dx-world.net/mm0uki-p-isle-of-rockall-eu-189/>

ET3AA Ethiopia -update January 18 by K4ZW

Things have been going very well. We're closing in on 7000 QSO's. It should be noted this is very much a team effort between the three of us and the ET3AA club members who are also operating and spending time at the station. It's a real joy to be doing this together with our friends.

We've pretty much ruled out 80 and 160 meters because of the noise. It's going to require a better solution. We're making hay on the high bands and also having a lot of success on 30 meters including QSO's to the west coast of the US. Nodir made the first ever 60 meter QSO's from ET which was exciting. But the noise is a big issue on that band as well.

<https://www.dx-world.net/et3aa-ethiopia/>

VK9WX Willis Island -update

Sands continues to be active when time allows. He's often very busy with work. For those who asked, now he's sometimes QRV on 10m, his fan dipole is running NE/SW direction.

WRTC 2026 proposals

The World Radiosport Team Championship Sanctioning Committee (WRTC-SC) today announced that it is accepting proposals for hosting the 2026 WRTC event.

The World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) is an on-site amateur radio competition, usually held every four years. Previous WRTCs have been held in Seattle, USA (1990); San Francisco, USA (1996); Bled, Slovenia (2000); Helsinki, Finland (2002); Florianopolis, Brazil (2006); Moscow, Russia (2010); Boston, USA (2014); and Wittenberg, Germany (2018).

WRTC2022, delayed due to the worldwide public health challenges and government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, is scheduled to be held in Bologna, Italy in July 2023. <https://www.dx-world.net/wrtc-2026-proposals/>

WA6O Mike R.I.P.

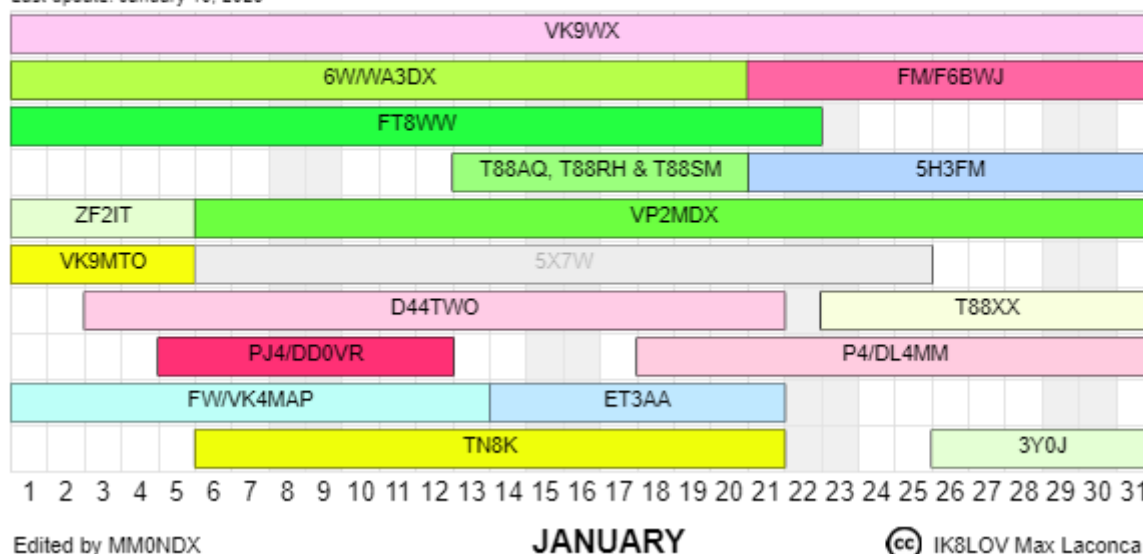
Mike Shapiro, WA6O passed away on January 15th. He was well known operator in DXpeditions such as TX5K, VK9MT, TX3X, VP6D, VP8PJ.



DXCC timeline

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: January 15, 2023



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

3Y, BOUVET 3Y0J is a team of 13 international amateur radio operators will be operating from Bouvet Island with the goal of making over 200K QSOs. The team is now sailing the treacherous waters of the South Atlantic Ocean before setting up camp, and operating from Bouvet Island for 22 days. At the conclusion of our Dxpediton, the team will then sail another 12 days to the end point of the Dxpediton: Cape Town, South Africa. See updates <https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-2023/>

5H, ZANZIBAR Ferdy, HB9DSP will again be operating as 5H3FM between January 21-31. Operation mainly on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

5X, UGANDA Anders, SM0HPL is operating from Kampala until January 23 as 5X7W. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT4/8. QSL via M0OXO, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Earl, WA3DX is operating as 6W/call until January 20. Operation using FT8 as Dakar - 6W1/WA3DX Mbao - 6W7/WA3DX Kaolack and Saloum Islands (AF-045) - 6W6/WA3DX. QSL via WA3DX direct, LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR is active as 8P9CB from Sea Cliff Cottage until January 25. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

A7, QATAR Tony, RN1B is QRV as A75GC from Doha until end January. QSL via RW3RN, direct or bureau.

C5, GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is once again active as C5YK until February 24. Operation during his spare time on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

D4, CAPE VERDE Oliver DJ5QW is operating as D4CW and D44DX until January 18. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE Harald, DF2WO is once again active as D44TWO until January 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

ET, ETHIOPIA Look for Ken K4ZW, Bob W9XY and Nodir EY8MM as ET3AA until January 21. Operation on HF using various modes. QSL via N200.

FG, GUADELOUPE Herve, F5HRY will be active from Marie Galante Island as FG/call between January 19 and February 2. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Francis, F6BWJ is QRV as FM/call during January-March. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

FT/W CROZET ISL Thierry, F6CUK is active as FT8WW. For most recent updates I refer to

<https://twitter.com/crozet2022> or the DX-World website.

<http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Darren, VK4MAP will be active in 'holiday-style' as FW/call during the first half of January 2023. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call.

HC, ECUADOR John, N9EAJ is active as HC1FIT from Otavalo. QRV until January 22 from 40 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until March 13. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or buro.

J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED is operating as J8NKI from Carenage Bay until January 21. QRV mainly on 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

P4, ARUBA Mathias, DK4MN is once again active as P4/call and P40AA until February 2. An entry in the CQ 160CW contest is included as P40AA. Focus on the low bands and WARC using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DL4MM.

P4, ARUBA Jeff, VA3QSL is active in 'holiday-style' as P4/call until February 8. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com.

T8, PALAU A Japanese team with JH3LSS (T88DK), JA3HJI (T88DN), JA3IVU (T88ED), JA3ARJ (T88EF) & JA3AVO (T88MB) will be active during January 23-31. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via homecalls.

T8, PALAU JA6EGL/T88SM, JH6WDG/T88AQ and JR6DRH/T88RH are active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror until January 20. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via each operators instructions.

TN, CONGO The CDXP group is active as TN8K until January 20. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QO-100 also. Based on the local internet availability, they plan to use Club Log Live Stream wherever it will be possible. Live Stream link [here](https://www.cdxcz.cz/). <https://www.cdxcz.cz/>

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is active as TR8CR until mid-March. Active from 30 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

VE, CANADA Chris VE3FU / VO2AC and Dave VE3KG / VO2AAA will be active from The lighthouse at Point Amour, Labrador (Zone 2, WWL GO11nl) between January 25 and January 30. Main operation will be during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC. Outside the contest they sign on 160, 80, 40 and via satellite. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via LoTW or direct to VE3KG.

VK9W, WILLIS ISL Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Thaire, W2APF is once again QRV as VP2MDX until March 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

YS, EL SALVADOR Roberto, I2JIN is operating as YS3CW from Corinto until end January. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, direct.



Coming up soon

DX tour by Brian M0NSI

During a cruise aboard Celebrity Eclipse, Brian will do some land based operations:

ZL, New Zealand ZL/M0NSI January 26-February 7

VK7, Tasmania Australia VK7/M0NSI February 7-16

VK2, Sydney Australia VK2/M0NSI February 16-20

FK, New Caledonia FK/M0NSI February 20-25

FO, Tahiti – Moorea FO/M0NSI February 25-28

FO, Bora Bora FO/M0NSI February 28-March 7

KH6, Hawaii KH6/M0NSI March 8-13

JA, Japan call pending March 14-17

5Z4, Kenya license pending March 18-April 1

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK/4S7KKG and Wolfgang DK7DR/4S7DRG will be operating from near Trincomalee between January 29 and February 7. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using FT4, FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW or bureau.

V4, ST KITTS V47JA will again be active from his Calypso Bay vacation home, located 300 feet from the Caribbean Sea, from January 31 to February 15. QSL via W5JON or via LoTW.

On the scene...J8NKI Saint Vincent



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-019 Lampedusa Isl A large team with S51V, S52OT, S54W, S56N, S57DX, S59A, S50O and S50X will be active as IG9/S59A from January 23 until January 31. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW is included. Outside the contest operators sign as IG9/calls on all bands and all modes.

ASIA

AS-015 Penang Isl Rich, PA0RRS is active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS- 015), West Malaysia until March 29. He operates CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via PA0RRS.

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR (also JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 & JR8YLY/6) will be active from Miyako-jima AS-079 during January 24 to March 7. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using SSB/CW/FM/RTTY/JT65 using various calls above on different modes. Participation in CQWW CW contest as JS6RRR. QSL via QRZ.com

On the scene... ET3AA Ethiopia



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KH0, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Sandro VE7NY and Rob N7QT will be active as J8NY from February 28 until March 7. An entry in the ARRL SSB contest is included. Outside the contest they will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via VE7NY.

OX, GREENLAND Davis, OZ5DM will be operating as OX5DM from Kangerlussuaq between February 14 and February 21. Operation on HF using mainly SSB. QSL via OZ1ACB.

OX, GREENLAND Mikkel, OZ7AKT will be active as OX7AKT from February 14 until February 21. Operation on HF. QSL via OZ1ACB.

TI, COSTA RICA Joe, VE3BW will be active as TI7/call from February 26 until around March 12. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. *'The house is located 1000 feet up a hillside on the west coast near Samara I will be travelling back and forth from Canada for the next year, eventually more permanent in 2024. Arriving Feb 26th-Depart around March 12th. QRV all modes 160-6 meters. The QTH will be available to be rented by Hams (and non hams). Permanent station will be available and a link to licence etc. 10 minutes from the beach.'*

V2, ANTIGUA Greg, N9GB will be operating as V26DX between February 9 and February 16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'.

V4, ST KITTS Bob, N4RF will be operating as V4/call between March 19 and April 1. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, LoTW or Club Log.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Bill AC0W and Pat K0PC will once again be active as VP5/calls from February 14 until February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as VP5K. QSL via homecalls, LoTW, VP5K goes via K0PC.

St Vincent & Grenadines, J8



THE REMINDERS

3B7, ST BRANDON Members of the OM7M contest club and CDXP (OM5ZW, OK6DJ, OM3PC, OM4MW, OM5RW, OK2ZA, OM3KAP & OM4MM) will be operating as 3B7M between February 24 and March 5, 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OK6DJ, Club Log OQRS.



6W, SENEGAL Willy, ON4AVT will once again be QRV from Warang as 6W7/call. Activity from February 6 until March 31. Operating from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

9M0, SPRATLY ISL DX0NE is valid for a Dxpediton to Kalayaan, Spratly Islands sometime within the first 6 months of 2023. Team will be with Mike DU1XX, Jong DU3JA, Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT. No specific date(s) yet set for the expedition. License was issued to Gil, 4F2KWT.

9Q, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpediton in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

9U, BURUNDI Elvira, IV3FSG will together with Vlad OK2WX be operating as 9U5R between February 4 and February 27. Operation from 80 to 6 meter (no 30m) using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2DUW.

9U, BURUNDI Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9U4WX between February 4 and February 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB (no 30m). QSL via IZ8CCW, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/>

C5, THE GAMBIA Team C5C will once again be active between February 14 and March 14, 2023. Operators are F5RAV, F5NVF and M0NPT. Operation on HF and possible QO-100.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a Dxpediton has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island Dxpediton team will be active as CY0S during March 20-29.

<http://cy0dxpediton.net/index.html>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpediton to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Philippe, F1DUZ will once again be active as FG4KH between February 15 and March 7. An entry in the REF SSB contest and ARRL SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be QRV as FM/call and as TO7O between March 21 and March 28. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. Outside the contest he will be on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as TX5XG during April 12-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL Didier, F6BCW plans to be active again as TX7G sometime November 2023 but with a large team. More to follow.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpediton to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity from February 10 until May 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Jim WB2REM, Chris VO1IDX, Mitch KH6M and Bob KE2D will be active from Santa Cruz as HD8M. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 during March 1-11. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included (March 5-6). QSL via WB2REM direct, OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.hd8m.com/index.html>

HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL For a 2 week period in May 2023 (dates to be announced), Renato will again be active from San Andres island as HK0/PY8WW.

J7, DOMINICA Laurent FM5BH and Yuri VE3DZ will be active as J79BH between February 20 and February 26. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW. QSL via FM5BH, LoTW or Club Log OQRS.

On the scene...QTH from Joe TI7/VE3BW Costa Rica



J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Thomas, F4HPX will be active from several islands within St. Vincent and the Grenadines around March 2023 as J8/AG7JQ. No dates yet, but he will QRV mostly as a mobile station. Activity mainly in SSB with some FT8/FT4. QSL via home call direct or bureau.

J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Gert, PA2LO will be active as J8/AJ4YX between February 11 and February 21. Operation during his spare time. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included, besides the contest Gert will be mainly active using SSB and FT8.

JD1, OGASAWARA Members of the G-G Ham Club (JD1YCC) plan EME activity from Ogasawara island during February 7-13. Team includes: JP3EXR/JD1BPY Taka, JA1PFP/JD1BQB Taka, JJ3JHP/JD1BQD Hiro, JH3BUM/JD1BPX Masa, JH3QFL/JD1BQA Taki, JH3VAA/JD1BPI Mamo, JH3AZC/JD1BPW Kay. They will depart Tokyo by ship on February 5th arriving 24 hours later. On arrival they will undergo an onsite verification test by the Telecommunications bureau on February 7th to get the license for 160m to 23cm. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JD1YCC>

JD1, OGASAWARA Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

KH2, GUAM Look once again for BJ as AH2/WA7WJR during the first week of March, 2023. <https://www.questsofdiscovery.com/dxpedition>

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Update by LB5SH: I'm planning a new Dxpedition to OJ0 Market Reef in Q2 2023, together with three other operators. We're planning to keep two stations active around the clock, for about seven days. We will also give VHF a shot this time – 6m, 4m, and maybe even 2m.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will be operating as PJ2/call from March 4 until March 22 as PJ2/call. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

PJ2, CURACAO Bob AA1M, Steve W1SR and Mike W1USN will be active as PJ2/calls from

February 20 until March 3. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, direct or buro, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Scott, NE9U will once again be operating as PJ4/call from February 11 until February 26. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as PJ4A (with K2NG, N9TTK and W9RE). QSL for PJ4A via K4BAI, PJ4/homecalls via LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be QRV as PJ5/call during March 28 and April 4. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via direct or LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA between March 4 and April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSO will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will be operating as PJ7/call from Oyster Pond area. QRV during March 1 and March 7 from 20 to 10 meter using QRP CW. QSL via home call.

Galapagos Island, HC8



VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL Nobby, G0VJG will be operating during February 17-24 as VK9CVG. Operation with a FT-857 and a Butternut HF6V antenna. More to follow.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Look for the EIDX group as VP2MEI around March 23 and April 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Look for VP2V/AA7V during the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 18-19). Steve will then be operating from Tortola, outside the contest he will be QRV during some spare time using FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, N9EAJ will be operating as VP5/call between March 8 and March 22. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log and LoTW.

XU, CAMBODIA This Dxpediton had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html>

YJ, VANUATU Bob W7YAAQ and Al K7AR will be operating as YJ0A between February 9 and February 23. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. A Multi Single effort for the ARRL CW DX Contest is planned. Logs will be uploaded daily to Club log. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

On the scene...TN8K Congo



YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in December 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-071 Moela Isl Look for ZZ2MI (operators PY2MAM and PY2TTN) during February 19-21. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZZ2MI>

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

EUROPE

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-049 Providencia Isl HK3EA/5J01EA and HK3MKQ/5K0VT will be active during February 27 to March 5. QSL via LoTW, QRZ.com.

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex K6VHF will once again be QRV as call/HR9 between February 8 and February 15. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, home call.

NA-122 Isla Cabras Team members of Loma del Toro DX Club will be operating as HI0LT during March 12-19. Operation from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via EB7DX.

NA-249 Culebra Isl Team KP3RE will once again be active during February 17-19. This will be a combined IOTA, POTA, SOTA, BOTA & USI activity. QSL via EA5GL.

OCEANIA

OC-139 Troubridge Isl Look for VK5PAS, VK5MAZ, VK5FR, VK2YK, VK5LA and VK5HS as VK5TIL on February 7-9. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl Huzen, YE3BYE/P will be QRV between May 15 and May 21. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Moela Island SA-071



Antarctic Base

Base Dumont d'Urville FT4YL

Base Concordia FT4YM/P

Base Little Dome C FT4YM/P

Base Cape Prud'homme FT4YM/P

Mehdi, F5PFP informs that David **FT4YM** is again QRV from Antarctica during the next summer campaign (March 2023).

Amundsen-Scott Station George KJ4CHT is the overwintering doctor at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. He's a newcomer to the ham radio hobby (previously only having local FM QSO experience), however is becoming familiar with remote set up, using **Ham Radio Deluxe** logbook, and is looking forward to trying HF bands soon. QSL manager, Bill K7MT, suggests George will be most likely on 20 SSB. Callsign to look out for: **KC4AAA**

Halley VI base Seba, SQ1SGB is active from 75° 35' 00" S, 26° 34' 00" W – Loc: HB64RK. Halley Research Station is a research facility on the Brunt Ice Shelf operated by the British Antarctic Survey (*tnx F8DVD*).

Maitri Base Station Sunny, VU2CUW is active from the Indian Maitri Base (70°46'S – 11° 43'E). When time permits he will QRV on HF bands using AT42I callsign – 42nd scientific expedition. More info to follow..

Novolazarevskaya Station Look for Oleg, ZS1OIN as RI1ANU from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica. QRV on HF bands when time permits using IC-7300, amplifier and beam antennas. QSL via H/c.

Palmer Station For the 2022/23 US-Antarctic scientific season, there's a new ham operator based at Palmer Station, Anvers Island, AN-012. Look out for Cody running KC4AAC on the HF bands when time permits. There is a triband antenna at the station. QSL via K7MT.

Vostok Station Look out for Alex UG1A (ex.RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zahar (ex.UH4NAE) to be active during their spare time (January 1 to March 31, 2023) from Vostok Station, Antarctica as RI1ANC and/or RI30ANT (30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club). RI1ANC QSL via RN1ON. RI30ANT QSL via RZ3EC.

Special calls

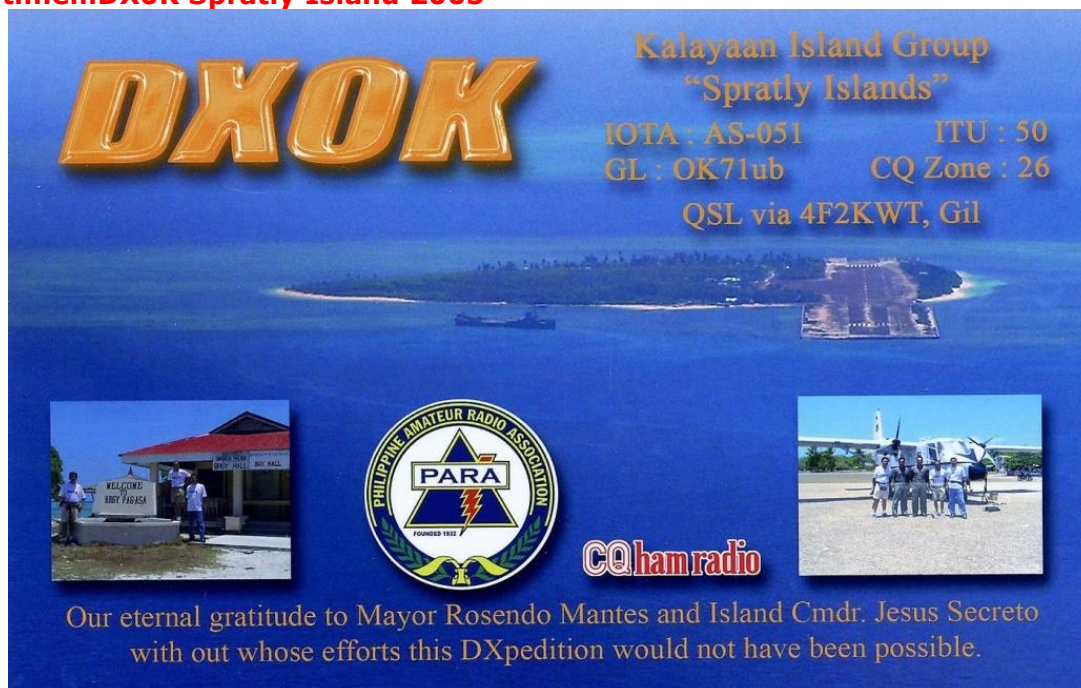
THE NEWCOMERS

F, FRANCE Special callsign **TM25PVJ** will be activated from 22 January to 5 February for the 25th "Percee du Vin Jaune", the festival celebrating the "Opening of the Yellow Wine" which this year will take place at Voiteur (Jura). QSL via F8GGZ. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND The special event station **HF7SIEMA** operates in the context of a nationwide Polish charity event until February 5. <https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/index.php?page=station&id=HF7SIEMA>

Back in time...DXOK Spratly Island 2005



The poster features a large, stylized 'DXOK' logo in orange and yellow at the top left. To its right, text in orange and yellow reads: 'Kalayaan Island Group "Spratly Islands"', 'IOTA : AS-051', 'ITU : 50', 'GL : OK71ub', 'CQ Zone : 26', and 'QSL via 4F2KWT, Gil'. Below this text is a satellite image of a tropical island with a runway. At the bottom, there are three smaller images: a building with a sign 'KALAYAN ISLAND GROUP', the circular logo of the 'PHILIPPINE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION' (PARA) with 'FOUNDED 1982' and a lightning bolt, and a group of people standing in front of a plane. Below these images, a line of text reads: 'Our eternal gratitude to Mayor Rosendo Mantes and Island Cmdr. Jesus Secreta with out whose efforts this DXpedition would not have been possible.'

THE REMINDERS

7X, ALGERIA 7U7C is the special callsign for members of the 7X2VFK Radio Club to mark the 7th African Nations Championship, the biennial football (soccer) tournament organized by the Confederation of African Football to be held in Algeria between 13 January and 4 February. (TNX 425DX)

7X, ALGERIA Members of the radio club **7X2VFK** will be active with the special event callsign 7U7C around the Africa Cup of Nations football tournament (Jan. 13 - Feb. 2). QSL direct via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

9A, CROATIA 9A66AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary until September 30, 2023. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The German section of the International Federation of Railway Radio Amateurs will put their new club callsign **DL00F** on the air with the special DOK MKO until Jan. 25. QSL via bureau and DL4CR (d). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June 2023. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE TM100DOR (op. Thierry, F4GVO) and W9DOR celebrate the centennial of Door

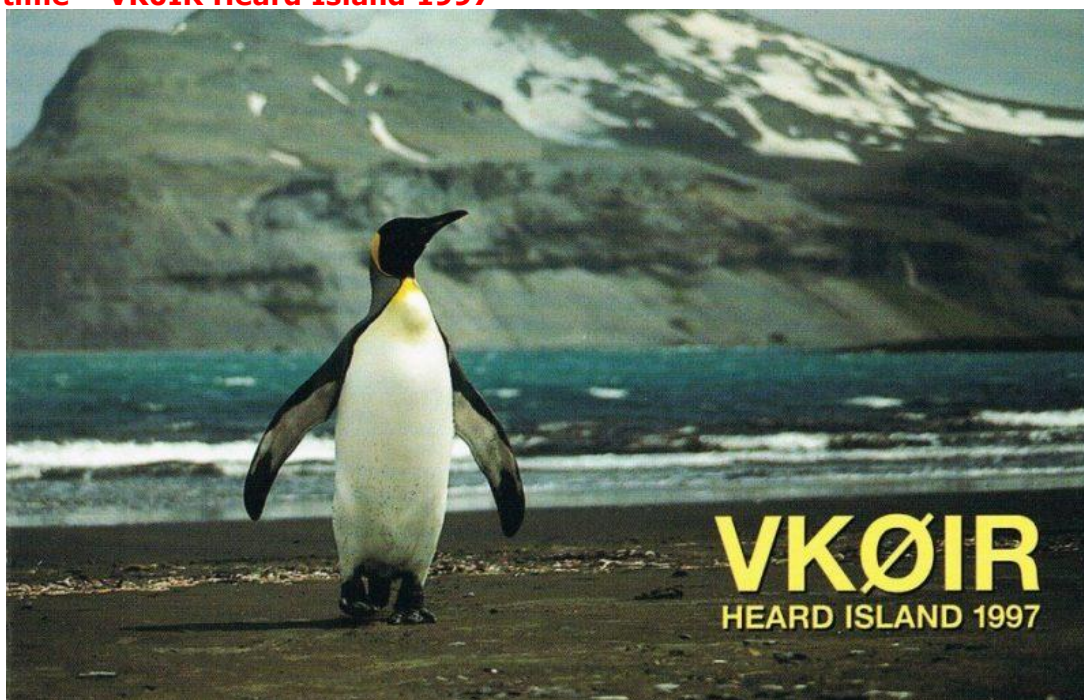
County Amateur Radio Club (Wisconsin) until the end of the month January. (TNX DXNL)

GM, SCOTLAND Special event station **GB2KW** is active again until January 28 from near Inverness, Scotland using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. QSL via LoTW. Also active from England, especially over the "KW Weekend" (7-8 January), are expected to be **GB0KWD**, **GB4KW**, **GB5KW** and **GB8KW**. (TNX 425DX)

HA, HUNGARY The following special event stations mark the 200th birthday of the Hungarian poet Sandor Petofi until March 15: **HG200AN**, **HG200DO**, **HG200EF**, **HG200IR**, **HG200OT** und **HG200PS**. QRV on HF on CW, SSB, and FT8. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

HH, HAITI Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Radio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N200. (TNX 425DX)

Back in time---VKØIR Heard Island 1997



I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

January: **II4TRN**; TURIN: air - ground radio communication experiments (1915)

February: **II4STL**; SESTRI LEVANTE (GE): Demostation of blind navigation by means of radio beacons (1934)

March: **II4ANC**; ANCONA: radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall) (1904)

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENUA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LY, LITHUANIA The special event station **LY700VLN** (ops LY1CG, LY1LB, LY2BVB, LY2IJ, LY2QT, LY2XW, LY2PX, LY4NZ, LY4Q, LY8O) celebrates the 700th anniversary of Lithuania's capital Vilnius until the end of January. QSL via LY4Q. (TNX DXNL)

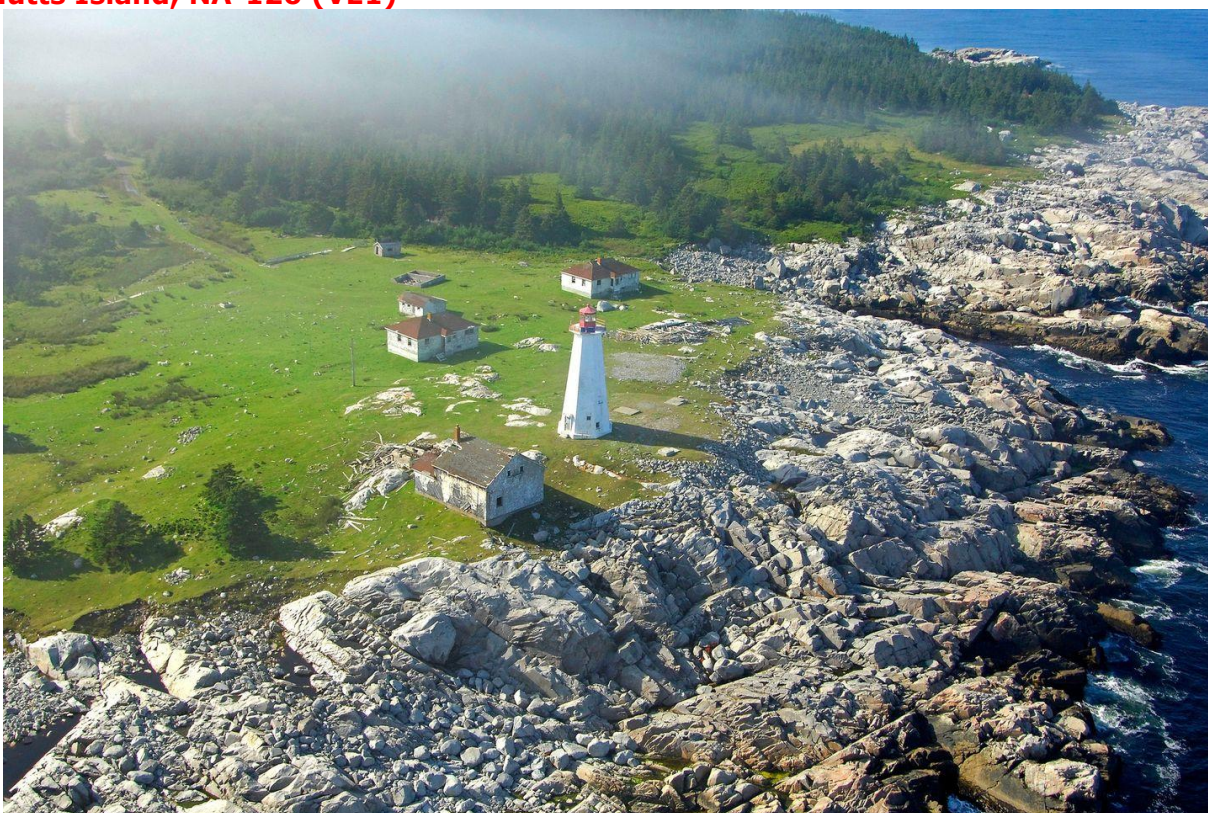
LY, LITHUANIA **LY1923KK** commemorates the uprising of the Klaipeda region 100 years ago from Jan. 10 until Feb. 10. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ319TS** (January and February), **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM **OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. (TNX 425DX)

McNutt's Island, NA-126 (VE1)



PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating New Year, special calls **PH23HNY** will be QRV until end January. QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)
Huizen and Rotterdam). QSL via PB2X.

SM, SWEDEN **8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

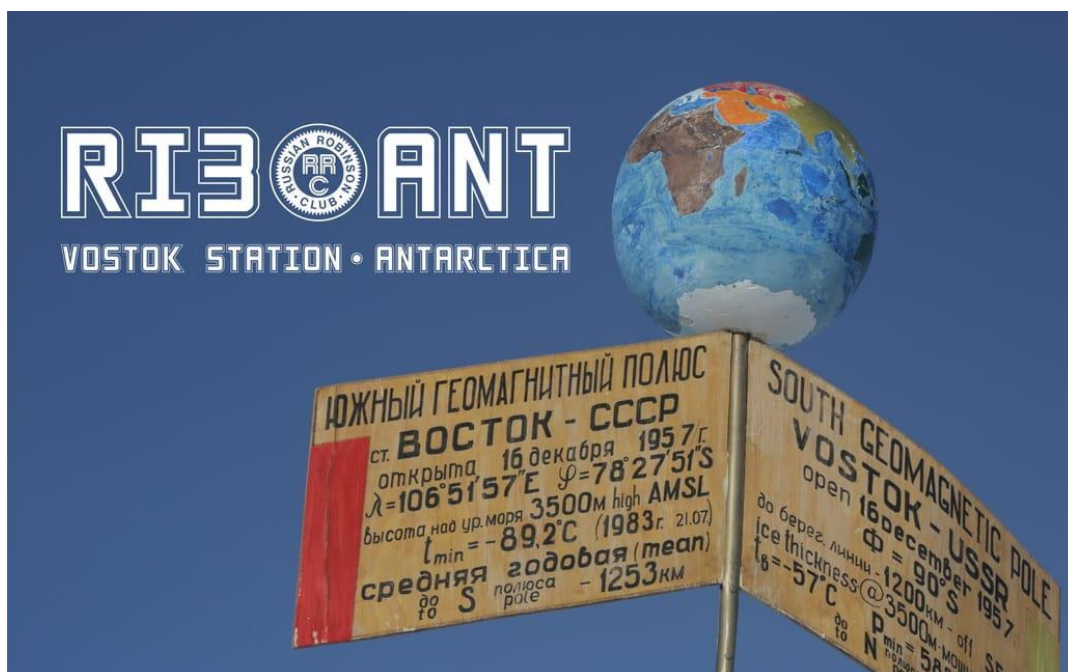
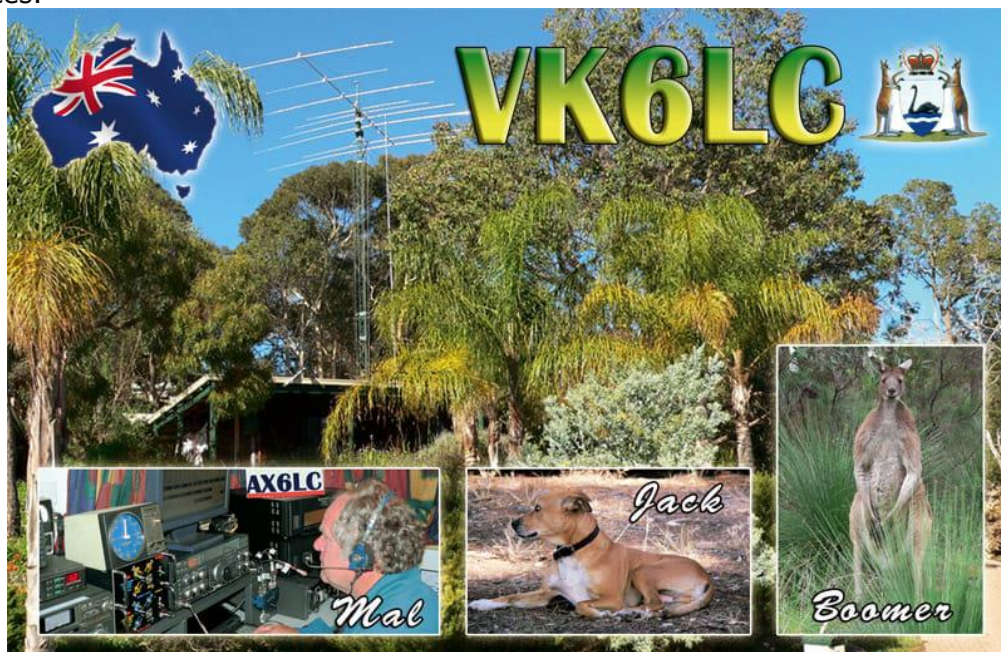
YO, ROMANIA **YR1400VT** is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be

using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0 through K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information about the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

Mal VK6LC R.I.P.

Sorry to report that VK6LC became Silent Key. Many ops will have worked Mal over the years from various places.



Thanks to DX-World, DARC and ADXO.